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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDANTS OF BEEDI WORKERS FOR MAJOR SURGERIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide financial assistance to the dependents of the beedi workers for major surgeries such as kidney transplantation, heart surgery, cancer and tuberculosis;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also decided to enhance the maternity benefits for women beedi workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, dependants of beedi workers are provided financial assistance for;

(i) Kidney transplantation upto Rs. 2,00,000/-

(ii) Heart diseases upto Rs. 1,30,000/-

(iii) Cancer, full cost of treatment without any ceiling; and

(iv) Beds are reserved in hospitals for beedi workers and their depandants suffering from TB and Rs. 20,000/- is paid for each bed per annum;

(c) & (d): Maternity benefit to women beedi workers has already been raised from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1,000/- in December, 2003. The benefit is available for first two deliveries.